

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority of Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer. Eternal God, at the beginning of today's legislative session we pause for a moment to focus our attention on You, and the role of spiritual values in our lives. In our decision making process, may we be guided by Your values, principles and precepts which gives meaning and direction to us in our own daily lives. Today we celebrate the inauguration of our 44th president. We pray that he and his administration will be successful and will advance peace, justice, prosperity and stability in our country and in our communities. Inspire us, as a nation, to make our communities safe and cooperative in promoting jobs, education and housing opportunities for all people. May the enthusiasm and happiness of today remain with us as we together build a strong, civil and ethical society. When we disagree on sensitive or controversial issues, let our disappointment be honest, respectful, based on sound reasoning and principles and on the meaning of the common good.

Grant Your blessings on the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance. At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:

Construction waste, burning. That Representative Polito of Shrewsbury had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 87 of Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008) for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the burning of construction and demolition waste as it relates to the renewable energy portfolio standard program established by section 11F of chapter 25A of the General Laws;

Green building plan. That Representative Smola of Palmer had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 88 of Chapter 169 of the Acts of 2008) to examine the environmental and economic impact of establishing a green building plan for the Commonwealth;

Creative Economy Council. That Representative deMacedo of Plymouth had been appointed to the Creative Economy Council established (under Chapter 354 of the Acts of 2008) to develop a statewide strategy for the enhancement, encouragement, and growth of the creative economy in the

Commonwealth and to promote through public and private means responsive public policies and innovative private sector practices; and

That Representative Ross of Wrentham had been appointed to the special commission established (under Section 3 of Chapter 509 of the Acts of 2008) to study the transferability of tax credits under subsection (p) of section 6 of chapter 62 of the General Laws and section 38AA of chapter 63 of the General Laws. Tax credit transferability.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,— Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At thirteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.